

COMPLETE FAILURE

Strike Order Addressed to Hopkins County Miners Ignored.

NOBODY TO ANSWER THE CALL

Miners and Citizens Disgusted and Indignant at Agitators.

SHERIFF'S PROCLAMATION ISSUED

Will Protect Miners Against Intimidation in Pursuit of Their Labor.

There is sorrow in the camp of the United Mine Workers, which was opened at Madisonville a week ago Monday. The time of probation offered the mine owners is past, the opportunity for "conference" was ignored, President Mitchell's "permission" to strike has been "granted," the strike order announced to take effect Monday, and yet the miners choose to attend to their own business and are working full time.

The day after President Woods of Central City rented rooms for headquarters at the county seat. The Bee learned what has since become generally known that if the coal operators and employed coal miners did not accept the invitation of National President Mitchell to confer with representatives of the United Mine Workers on Thursday of last week these representatives would order a strike to take effect on Monday of this week. It was claimed that "two thirds of the miners of the county were members of the organization and if the call was made there would be no men to operate the mines Monday." This claim was made by Woods.

Of course the operators did not pay any attention to the invitation for a conference, since none of them recognize the union, none have union men in their employ and none have any differences with their men. Thursday morning passed without any conference and an attempt was made to hold a mass meeting of miners and citizens in the court house Thursday afternoon, Woods presided and Secretary-Treasurer Campbell, colored, also of Central City, was the orator of the occasion. At this meeting there was not a single mine owner present and not a single miner employed at any of the Hopkins county mines was there except ten or a dozen who were there to take notes and report to their friends. None were there as sympathizers. The meeting was made up chiefly of visiting organized miners from other counties, some of whom have indulged in ugly threats of force and intimidation during their stay among the people of Hopkins county, whose interests they threaten.

Friday, Woods was interviewed by Mayor Ross, of Madisonville, and notified that no disorders would be permitted in that city and no interference or intimidation of miners permitted to keep them away from work or to coerce them to join the union. At this time Woods said he was preparing the strike order, and it was again learned from authentic

source that the strike would take effect Monday morning. Friday the following "permission" was telegraphed from Indianapolis:

Indianapolis, Nov. 23.—President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers of America, today granted two thousand miners of Hopkins county, Ky., permission to strike tomorrow. They are claimed to be thoroughly organized, and will demand higher wages.

The following, given out by the officers of the union specifies Monday as the day the strike order was to take effect:

Madisonville, Ky., Nov. 25.—Reports received from the various mines in the district are very encouraging. At Empire last night a majority of the men there voted to join the union and will cease work tomorrow. Reports received from mines on the Illinois Central railroad show that there have been large accessions to the union ranks. The situation throughout the entire field is such that we have every reason to believe that it will not be long before we have every miner in the Hopkins county district in the union.

GEORGE McCOLLUM, Executive Board Member of United Mine Workers of America.

The Empire men did not "cease to work tomorrow" but did a big day's work and repeated the dose Tuesday and again yesterday.

The Evansville Evening News had this to say Monday, headlines included:

ORDERED OUT OF KENTUCKY.

U. M. W. of A. Officials Told to Leave Hopkins County by the Sheriff.

State President W. D. Van Horn, of the Indiana Coal Miners' Union, passed through the city yesterday en route to Terre Haute from Madisonville. He was accompanied to this city by State Secretary John Kennedy who spent the time up to noon today here. He was seen by a News reporter and said:

"Mr. Van Horn and I left Madisonville Saturday night and spent Sunday here. The strike was ordered to take effect this morning, but I have not received any reports. Mr. Wood, the Kentucky State president, expected 75 per cent of the miners in Hopkins county to strike.

"We were faced by the sheriff of the county on Saturday and he presented instructions, very forcible indeed, as to what we should do, and should not do. The greatest point in the instructions was for us to get out of the county. We did what we went for and left the work in good hands."

Men Refused to Strike.

Madisonville, Ky., Nov. 26.—The threatened strike of the coal miners in this section failed to develop today and all mines are declared by the operators to be working with the usual forces.

Monday morning the agitators were surprised to know all

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Sheriff's Proclamation.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, HOPKINS COUNTY.
WHEREAS, I have received information from many of the coal miners of Hopkins county and from other reliable sources, and which I have every reason to rely upon, that there are now congregating in this county, many citizens of other counties of this commonwealth and many from other States, with the avowed purpose of compelling the miners now at work in the many coal mines in this county to quit their work and employment against their will; that the said persons propose to accomplish their purpose by threats of personal injury to the miners and mine property and other force and violence, and many laborers in the mines having applied to me for protection and believing that such evil disposed persons will proceed to do the things threatened unless warned and prevented from doing so, and believing that the peace of the county will be broken and the citizens of the county greatly disturbed and bloodshed probably result unless prompt steps are taken to preserve the peace; and being determined to see to it that the law is enforced and every citizen in the county is protected in his life, liberty and property from all illegal interference from any person or persons, and being determined to protect every one employed in the mines or elsewhere in his right to peaceably quit or peaceably follow any employment in which he may be engaged. Now I, therefore, command said persons now here and those to come, to desist from their said purpose of interfering with any person in his right to labor in the mines, by intimidation, threats of violence or any other illegal manner, and further command them that they shall not congregate in public places in the county, or march through the county in squads or crowds in a threatening manner; or in any manner or way abuse or attempt to put any citizen of the county in fear, or in any way break or disturb the peace of the citizens of county and the persons are warned that any attempt on the part of any of said persons to do any of the things they are herein commanded not to do will result in the arrest and punishment of the party or parties so offending, and all other parties associated with, aiding, abetting or counseling the parties so offending.

Given under my hand on this the 24th day of November, A. D., 1900.
J. H. HANKINS, S. H. C.

Mayor Burr's Proclamation.

WHEREAS, I have been informed from credible sources that the peace and good order of our town is threatened because of the presence of evil disposed persons in the county, chiefly non-residents of our city and county, who openly declare their purpose and intention of forcing by intimidation and threats of violence the miners of Hopkins county to quit their work and employment against their will.

WHEREAS, The laws of the Commonwealth forbid intimidation or coercion, and it is the duty of all officers to see that men are not interfered with in their rights and privileges.

WHEREAS, It behooves all good citizens to stand for the upholding of the law, that order be enforced and that officials be assisted in their duties.

Now, therefore, I, William F. Burr, Mayor of the City of Earlington, by the power invested by my office, call upon all citizens to give all possible information which shall lead to the arrest and prompt conviction of those who seek to break the laws by acts of intimidation or coercion. All officers are herewith instructed to see that no trespassing on private property is permitted under any circumstances.

All parties found in the town who are non-residents unless they can give a good and sufficient reason for their presence must leave, officers will see that this order is obeyed. All citizens who would protect the good name of our town and uphold the laws of the Commonwealth are asked to assist in every way possible.

By the Mayor
PAUL M. MOORE,
City Clerk.

WILLIAM F. BURR,

Mayor City of Earlington.

Mayor Ross' Proclamation.

WHEREAS, I have been informed from credible sources that there is some considerable danger of disturbances and breaches of the peace impending, by reason of the presence of divers evil disposed persons, mainly non-residents of our city and county, in our said city, who openly avow their purpose and intention of forcing by intimidation and threats of violence the miners of Hopkins County to either join them or quit their work, and by like means and by threats of destruction and damage to property seek to compel the mine-owners of Hopkins county to cease from employing miners who refuse to join said persons, a large porportion of which miners reside in our city, and it seems to me that there is imminent danger from said source.

Now, I, William P. Ross, Mayor of the City of Madisonville, constituted by the laws of this Commonwealth the principal conservator of the peace therein, feel it my duty to give warning to all such evil disposed persons that so far as the power to do so is vested in me by law, the right of all persons within the city to and in their property, persons and the pursuits of happiness and livelihood, shall be guaranteed and protected and enforced by the full power of the City; should it be necessary to call it forth; and I now call upon all good citizens of the City in the name of law and order to hold up the hands of the officers of the law in this matter, and preserve the good name and fame of our city from the stains of disorder and bloodshed which will necessarily ensue if the named courses are further pursued.

Given under my hand, at the City Hall, on this the Twenty-fourth day of November, A. D., 1900.

W. P. ROSS,
Mayor City of Madisonville.
By the Mayor,
C. H. MURPHEY,
City Clerk.

Resolutions.

WHEREAS, Almighty God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our fellowship our beloved friend and brother, T. R. Browning, we the members of the Missionary Baptist Church, desire to express our profound sorrow at the death of this esteemed brother. In his death the Church and community has suffered the loss of a good Christian man, therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the members of the bereaved family. Be it further

Resolved That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, that a copy be sent to the grief-stricken family and that a copy be sent to the Earlington Bee for publication.

A. L. P. WOODWARD, Com.
W. T. Neal

Resolutions Passed by the Miners of Morton's Gap.

November 21, 1900.

We, the employees of the St. Bernard Coal Company, having been threatened by an illegal order known as the Mine Workers that unless we quit work and live on 24 cents per week they would force us to do so, inasmuch as we are living in a country that gives us equal rights to all, we therefore

RESOLVED, That we do not intend to be intimidated by any Mine Workers. Be it further

RESOLVED, That should they attempt to prevent us from making an honest living for our wives and children they will certainly meet with a warm reception. We expect to continue work for the St. Bernard Coal Company regardless of what any man or set of men may say, as long as we get the kind treatment that we have always received from them, and must not be molested by any set of idlers.

Walter Robertson
James Thomas
Chas McBrayer
Hugh Grasty
Taylor Dukes
John Hayes
Mack Todd
Dan Franklin
Glover Thomason
Nick Smothers
William Dorris
Mack Edwards
Robert Eades
Jim Crick
John Coyle
Lige Robertson
Mack Hill
Boyd Southard
John Moore
Robert Blanks
Doe Dorris
S. W. Grasty
Frank Sharber
Charles Lyon
James Dulin
James Ezell
Other Vaughn
Gus Shelton
John Hill
Warren Porter
Lee Johnson
Henry Downey
J. H. Jones
Morris Griffin
Rich Brown
Henry Allen
J. Steele
William O'Bryant
Lewis Yates
Tom Montgomery
Tom Dulin
Albert Vaughn
Dudley Sharber
Walter Vaughn
William Dickerson
William Green
Lewis Clements
William Patterson
William Young
Renzie Stanley
M. Hamilton
Robt Priest
E. L. Hart
Noah Porter
A. R. Tapp
James Hayes

W. H. Edwards
Arthur Thomasson
John T. Davis
G. A. Bell
Jim Todd
Pat Blair
Alvie Stokes
Robert Hall
Robert Hart
Will Fingers
John Nixon
Andy Vaughn
Gus Bishop
Hiley Vaughn
Bud Eastwood
William Grizzard
Joe Morgan
Ned Stoval
Wick Crittenden
Will Brown
Steve Long
Dan Green
Bud Metcalfe
Robt Murphy
Thos McKee
Dilbert Cobb
John Gray
Boyle McNary
Amos Johnson
William McClellan
Ed Armstrong
Gus Graddy
Clay Armstrong
Sam Page
John Mitchell
William Roney
A. L. Bourland
Ed Norris
George Davis
Walter Southall
George Stokes
Virgil Jagoe
Henry Gill
Harlan Rich
Sydney Todd
Ches Edwards
Claude Davis
E. A. Coenen
Roy Sharber
M. Hamilton
Robt Priest
Leslie Todd
R. S. Vaughn
Roy Blanks
William Wilson

Scott Davis
Thos G Cobb
James Wilcox
John Hill
R. C. Harris
Berth Southart
Chas Wilson
Will Franklin
Joe Jennings
A. J. Edwards
Charles Guy
Gabriel Stokes
Frank Sharber
James Dulin
Tom Blair
Aaron Dulin
Geo Vaughn
John Vaughn
Moses Broodie
Van Littlepage
J. C. Curtis
Wilson Hopson
Sanford McNary
Robert Lewis
Ed Rateliff
Isaac Johnson
Emsley Vaughn
Dodd Porter
Lon Bourland
Henry Bass
William Brews
James Wilcox
Frank Owen
T. W. Helsley
Irwin Long
Jas Southall
John Hogan
Jessie Grizzard
F. B. Harris
Dr. J. E. Williams
Monroe Hopson
Chas McNary
Winfield Fisher
Isaac Napp
Albert Watson
Will Brumington
Sol Vaughn
William Vaughn
William Anderson
Hugh Blair
J. B. Blanks
Dr. A. W. Davis
W. W. Littlefield
T. C. Carter
Tom

EMPLOYES OF DIAMOND STORE

Frank D. Cain
M. Cain

Mrs. M. D. Cain
Miss Clara Grasty

We, the employees of Oak Hill Coal Company endorse the above resolutions.

E. Parrot
Lewis Dixon
D. R. Brown
W. H. Lander
E. M. Martin
Haywood Malone
Chas Bran
Jesse Parrot
E. Boyd
Van Dukes

Will Baker
E. T. Campbell
Chas Wilson
J. H. Borer
Ed Campbell
B. Haran
J. P. Ashby
E. O'Brien
J. M. Pidcock
John Carpenter

John Graddy
John Bass
Jesse Kinslow
John Clemens
Bob Parrot
Cal Johnson
Tom Graddy
John Sharber
Virgil Campbell

"HOPKINS COUNTY PRE-EMINENT."

State Mine Inspector Says "No Labor Troubles, Nor Strikes Nor Suspensions From Any Cause"

CAUSE FOR PUBLIC CONGRATULATION.

Should Strive to Maintain Such Favorable Conditions For Living and Wealth.

Hon. G. W. Stone, State Mine Inspector, in a special article to THE BEE published March 1st of this year tells from official records of the pre-eminence of the coal industry of Hopkins County and the very favorable conditions of labor here found as compared with the industry of the entire State. His official expressions are so pertinent to the present situation and the efforts of agitators representing the United Mine Workers that the part containing the comparisons with the conditions existing in the rest of the state is republished below. The figures given are for the year 1899:

As regards the coal mining industry of the State, Hopkins County stands pre-eminent in many respects: First—In its large and developed coal, of superior

Second—In the large per cent of its population employed in the industry, and the still larger part receiving benefits therefrom.

Third—In its many large, splendidly equipped and productive mines.

Fourth—It leads in coal production. Of the entire output of the State for 1899 of 4,495,000 tons, it produced 1,265,706 tons, or much more than one-fourth the entire output of the State.

Fifth—It has the leading company, as to coal and coke production—the St. Bernard Coal Company. The production of this company's several mines during the year was 777,250 tons.

Sixth—It has the leading mines: The first, or largest in output for the year, being that of the St. Bernard Coal Company, No. 9, at Earlington, which produced 222,410 tons, while the third, fourth, fifth and sixth in amount of production, all being to this county, being the ecke (3d), 179,005 tons, Mond (4th), 169,000 tons, St. Charles (5th), 140,176 tons, and the Ea

On the whole account with present and future prospects, and as of the county none of the county have late themselves in their midst, and conditions for and should be able to develop coal, of superior